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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER CARVAJAL ON CHILE-PERU RELATIONS

REF: SANTIAGO 2648

1. DURING APRIL 25 CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER CARVAJAL, THE AMBASSADOR COMMENTED THAT HE HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT TWO RECENT CHILEAN VISITS TO PERU HAD BEEN SUCCESSFUL: NAVY CINC/JUNTA MEMBER ADMIRAL MERINO JUST RETURNED (SANTIAGO 3155), AND UNDER SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS COLONEL ENRIQUE VALDES HAD LED THE CHILEAN DELEGATION TO A MIXED COMMITTEE MEETING THE WEEK BEFORE (SANTIAGO 3181).

2. CARVAJAL IN REPLY SPOKE ALONG THE LINES OF HIS BITTER REMARKS MARCH 30 (REFTEL); THE VISITS HAD SERVED A POLITICAL PURPOSE IN KEEPING PUBLIC OPINION CALM. BUT WITH THE PERUVIANS, BAD NEWS ALWAYS COMES AFTER GOOD. NOW THE GOC HAS HEARD THAT THE PERUVIANS ARE GETTING MIG AIRCRAFT WHICH WILL BE USED FOR TRANSITIONAL TRAINING FOR THE SU-22 AIRCRAFT. CARVAJAL NOTED THAT THE PURCHASE PRICE FOR THE LATTER MAY BE
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VERY LOW, BUT MAINTENANCE WILL BE HIGH, AND PERU IS BUYING WHEN IT IS ALREADY IN CONSIDERABLE ECONOMIC TROUBLE. CARVAJAL'S CONCLUSION: THE PERUVIANS ARE PERSISTING IN THEIR HOSTILE DESIGN.

3. COMMENT: WE DO NOT RECALL ANY RECENT STORY ABOUT PERUVIAN PURCHASE OF MIG'S. IF WASHINGTON HAS

NEGATIVE INFORMATION, IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO DISPEL
THE CHILEANS' CONCERN IN THIS PARTICULAR.
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